

# By the Queene.

*A proclamation concernig the Souldiors appointed to serue in her Maiesties  
seruice beyond the Seas, vnder the charge of Sir Iohn Norris  
and Sir Francis Drake.*



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He Queenes most excellent Maiestie, hauing ordred that a certaine number of Souldiors and Sailers shall be forthwith leuied and prested to repaire into the parts of beyond the Seas, there to be employed in her Highnesse seruice and paie: the charge of leuying, presting, mustring, arming, transporting and commanding of which Souldiours and Sailers, her Maiestie hath by her speciall commission, committed to Sir Iohn Norris, and Sir Francis Drake knights, and to such officers and other persons, whom they or either of them shall by writing vnder their hand depute in this behalfe: doeth straightly charge and commaund, that all such persons, who haue already, or shal receiue any prest money of the said Sir Iohn Norris,

Sir Francis Drake, or of either of them, or of their abouesaid officers for this seruice now committed vnto them, wherein the said Souldiours and Sailers, or other persons are to be vsed, shall duely obserue and keepe such order shall be giuen and limited vnto them, for the day and time of their repaire to any place, whereunto they shall be by the said Sir Iohn Norris, and Sir Francis Drake, or either of them, or by their said officers, appointed for their meeting, going, and transportation. And if any such person or persons shall to the contrary offend, or directly or indirectly with-  
hold themselves after the prest money by them receaued: Her Maiestie doeth heereby notifie, that every such person offending, and the offence duly prooued, shall be punished with death by Marshall lawe. For which purpose, and for better execution heereof, to the furtherance of this her Maiesties seruice, Her Highnesse hath beene pleased to appoint Peter Crisp Gentleman, to be the Prouost Marshall: vnto whom, in this seruice, her Maiestie dooth will and commaund all Colonels and Captaines, all Iustices, Maiors, Sherriffes, Bailiffes, Constables, Hedboroughs, and other her Officers, Ministers and Subiects, to be aiding, assisting, and furthering, as they and euery of them will here for the contrarie, at their vttermost perill.

Her Maiestie doth also hereby notifie and straightly charge, that none of these souldiours, prested as afoze, in this her Maiesties seruice, shall sell or lay to pawne, any his or their Armour, furniture, or Apparell: nor that any person or persons shall buy the same of any the said souldiours, vpon paine to the buyer, of losse of that he shall so buy, and imprisonment: and to the souldiour, for selling or laying to pawne his Armour, furniture, or Apparell, punishment with death by order of Marshall law. And for the better auoyding of abuse herein, the said souldiours Armour and furniture shalbe marked with a speciall marke, for this purpose. Her Maiestie doth also further charge and commaund all her abouesaid officers whatsoever, to make stay of any souldiour (not bringing his Passport with him, vnder the hand of the said Sir Iohn Norris, or Sir Francis Drake, or of any their Officers,) and of any other baggage persons, and the same to deliuer, or cause to be deliuered, to the Prouost Marshall, or his deputie or deputies. They also hereby authoritie to the sayde Sir Iohn Norris, and Sir Francis Drake, and to either of them, and to the quartermasters appointed by them, to quarter, and cause to be lodged, the saide souldiours and sailers in any Citie, Towne, Borough, or Village, in their iourneying and marching toward the Seaside, and during the time that they shall tarie for winde. The contents of this her Maiesties Proclamation, her Highnesse doth straightly charge and commaund all her Officers, Ministers, and Subiects whatsoever, in their seuerall charges and rule, to see due-ly executed, as they, and euery of them, will and were for the contrary at their vttermost perill. Given at her Ma-iesties Manor of Richmond, the thre and twentieth day of January, 1588. in the one and thirtieth yeere of her Maiesties raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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